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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An optical pickup apparatus used in an optical data  
recording/reproducing apparatus for reading/reproducing  
data on an optical recording medium, including a light  
source, a diffracting device configured to transmit a  
light beam and to diffract a light beam reflected from the  
optical recording medium, an optical device having a  
reflecting portion and a transmitting portion configured  
to reflect one part of the light beam emitted from the  
light source and to transmit another part of the light  
15 beam to the optical recording medium and from the optical  
recording medium, and a photodetecting device to detect  
the light beam from the optical recording medium for  
signal light detection, and the light beam reflected by  
the reflecting portion of the optical device for monitor  
20 light detection of the light source.